

10. **REVIEW OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (BJT/A.6101)**

Purpose of the report

1. To recommend that the Authority approve the revised Local Development Scheme, establishing an updated work programme for producing development plan documents.

2. Recommendations

That:

1. **Members approve the revised Local Development Scheme and that it shall take immediate effect; and**
2. **The Director of Planning in consultation with the Chair of Authority be granted delegated authority to agree future minor technical revisions to the Local Development Scheme to enable it to remain up to date, accurate and relevant.**

How does this contribute to our policies and legal obligations?

3. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced a new system for development plans in England and set out new regulations for their preparation. Included within this system is the production of a “Local Development Framework” (LDF) by all local planning authorities. These regulations were amended in 2008 to reflect a new focus on justifying the plan with robust evidence and proving the effectiveness of the plan all through a series of “soundness” tests. More recently in 2012 further amendments reflected the commitments in the Localism Act 2012 relating to the preparation of “Local Plans”, as well as:
 - signaling the abolition of regional plans;
 - paving the way for the National Planning Policy Framework;
 - introducing the Duty to Cooperate in Plan making; and
 - creating a statutory framework for neighbourhood plans.

National Park Management Plan 2012-17

4. The Authority’s planning policies make a significant contribution to the objectives laid out in the National Park Management Plan and its four headline themes for:
 - A diverse working and cherished landscape;
 - A welcoming and inspiring place;
 - Thriving and vibrant communities; and
 - An enterprising and sustainable economy

Corporate Objectives 2012 – 15

5. The assessment undertaken in this report furthers Corporate Objective 3 : to provide a high quality planning service to the community of the National Park that achieves national park purposes and that is responsive to and contributes to the debate on planning reform nationally and locally.

Local Development Plan

6. Following the adoption of the Authority’s Core Strategy in October 2011 work has continued to complete both Development Management Policies and detailed supplementary guidance on sustainable buildings and renewable energy, and other

technical design matters. Collectively the suite of policies and supplementary guidance will form the Authority's Local Development Plan which will provide a basis for greater clarity and certainty in decision making over the next 10-15 years.

7. The Local Development Scheme explains these relationships and confirms the scope and nature of the current Local Development Plan and any timeframes to bring forward new documents.

Policy Background

8. A key requirement under the Act is that every local planning authority shall prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme (LDS) to set out how the authority will work towards the preparation of its Local Development Plan. The LDS is a public statement identifying which new planning policy documents will be produced, in what order, and when, and how they will be reviewed. As such, it is a starting point in helping all stakeholders understand an authority's intended planning policies. The LDS is a rolling 3 year project plan, which effectively forms the authority's planning policy work programme.
9. The last LDS was adopted by the Authority in 2013. The principle reason to review the LDS at this stage is to provide updates in terms of the:
 - Project timeframe for the Development Management Policies document (see related report to this meeting);
 - Timelines for new areas of work relating to Recreation Hubs and Barn Conversions;
 - Position regarding neighbourhood planning (see progress chart at Appendix 2);
 - Evidence base; and
 - Duty to Cooperate
10. Regulations require only that local planning authorities resolve that a new or revised Local Development Scheme shall have effect. Following approval by Members the revised LDS would be uploaded to the Authority website and submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for information.

Proposals

11.
 1. That the revised LDS at Appendix 1 be approved and take immediate effect; and
 2. Following approval the LDS be uploaded to the Authority website and submitted to the Planning inspectorate for information;

Are there any corporate implications members should be concerned about?

Financial

12. None

Risk Management

13. Approving an up to date Local Development Scheme assists the Authority in moving through the submission and examination stages of plan making. However the Authority does benefit from an existing set of adopted policies. As such there is no risk of a policy gap. A key test will be to ensure that there remains broad consistency between the Local Development Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.

Sustainability

14. Having an adopted set of planning policies in place is a great benefit in steering the National Park towards a more sustainable future.

Consultees: Director of Planning

Comments taken into account in this report.

Background papers (not previously published)

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Appendices

1. Revised Local Development Scheme 2015
2. Progress chart for neighbourhood planning in the National Park